

paired, fences built and fields cleared, thus doubling its value and making it a pleasant home. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were for nearly half a century members of the Baptist Church, and for many years both sung in the choir, she as leading soprano, he as tenor. The land on which the church stands was donated by Mr. Loomis. For several years before her death Mrs. Loomis was an invalid and a great sufferer, which she bore with Christian fortitude. She passed away October 18, 1863, leaving a void in Mr. Loomis' home that could never be filled, and four years after he sold the farm, since which time he has lived with his relatives. Mr. Loomis is one of the few who has seen Wayne County a wilderness and now sees it a thickly settled country. The howl of the wolf he hears no more, but, instead, the whistle of the engine and the whir of the mowing machine and reaper; and now, at a ripe old age, he is awaiting calmly and without fear the end of a long and well-spent life.

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